

## **Public Transportation and Bicycle Committee Minutes October 19, 2010**

Attendance: John Bamberger, Lynn Grabowski, Karen Kowles, Peter Lillya, Fran VanTreese, Eve Vogel, Glenn Barrington (UMass Transit), Jamie Schoen (guest), Walter Wolnik (guest).

Glenn Barrington reported that **Sept. ridership on the #32 was down slightly compared to Sept 09**. Glenn conveyed word from Jesus Sanchez of PVTa that a bench will be installed in the Amherst Crossing shelter on Main St. Lynn Grabowski reported the #37 was delayed 5 min to load an inebriated passenger.

**Rte #32 schedules** are in the print queue at PVTa. Glenn said that bus drivers are trained to handle incidents like this.

More **Bike rack** spaces is needed, but 3-bike racks are the largest practical at this time. UMass Transit will soon test a rack that can be loaded from the curb.

The Committee agreed that the **North Amherst Bike Path** should be the subject of a CPA proposal, but that there was insufficient time to prepare one for this November. Fran has outlined a preliminary proposal and Karen has sent it to Guilford Mooring, David Ziomek and Niels LaCour at UMass. To move this proposal, Karen will contact Peter Jessop of CPA, and Fran & Eve will talk with Neils LaCour at UMass. The next step will be to talk with the Town manager, John Musante, about this and other PTB issues.

The Committee reaffirmed its support for the **Wildwood Safe routes to School** project and the changes and additions recommended in the August and September minutes. In particular, we would like to see a sidewalk constructed along the east side of N. Pleasant St. from Strong St. to Pine St. the vote was 6 yes, 0 no.

Fran VanTreese reported on **rail trail widening** and input from users to DCR.

The Committee voted to request **repainting of traffic, bike and pedestrian walkway lines** on town streets to make them visible during the winter driving season. 6 yes, 0 no.

Minutes of the Sept 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were approved. 5 yes 1 abstain, 0 no

The committee's possible participation in preparation of a Town master plan for transportation was discussed.

**Next meeting is Nov 16<sup>th</sup>.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Lillya, secretary